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Re: Enclosed Preliminary Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/933,119  
Docket No.: KYO003-US

Dear Examiner O'Connor:

Enclosed for your convenience is a courtesy copy of the Preliminary Amendment that was filed on April 19, 2006, for the above-identified patent application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case:

Very truly yours,

  
James E. Howard

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For: SYSTEM FOR PLACING ORDERS USING CUSTOMER-SPECIFIC  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: